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Sir:

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For (Title):

IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS AND PROCESS CARTRIDGE

By (Inventors):

Shougo SATO

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-4B; 4 sheets) are attached. Use Figure ____ for front page of Publication.

| Δ | A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith. |
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| | This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed |
| | (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.) |
| \boxtimes | This patent application is assigned to <u>BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA</u> . |
| | The executed Assignment is filed herewith. |
| \boxtimes | An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. |
| | Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted. |
| П | A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith |

ಠ Priority of foreign application No. 2003-029651 filed February 6, 2003 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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| BASIC FEE | a makea | Carlos Margilago (1971) | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 26 - 20 | = 6 * | | |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 3 - 3 | = 0 * | | |
| ☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | | |

^{*} If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

| SMALL ENTITY | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|--|--|
| RATE | FEE | <u>OR</u> | | |
| | \$ 385 | <u>OR</u> | | |
| x 9= | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |
| x 43 = | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |
| + 145 = | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |
| TOTAL | \$ | <u>OR</u> | | |
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| RATE | RATE FEE | |
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| | \$ 770 | |
| x 18 | \$ 108 | |
| x 86 | \$ | |
| + 290 | \$ | |
| TOTAL | \$ 878 | |

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